



LEGEND & STORY FORM  
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

COLEMAN, ELIZABETH ELLEN      SECOND INTERVIEW      9813

Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes,

This report made on (date) January 24, 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) Elizabeth Ellen Coleman,

address Geary, Oklahoma,

This person is (~~male~~ female) White, ~~Neppoo Indian,~~

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 1

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Louise S. Barnes,  
Investigator,  
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An Interview with Elizabeth Ellen Coleman,  
Geary, Oklahoma.

I lived south of Watonga with my husband from 1894 to 1900 at the issuing station where he was Indian Farmer.

John Dillon, one of our neighbors, was County treasurer while we lived south of Watonga, and at this time there were not any banks nor vaults, so it was up to Mr. Dillon to take the money with him and take care of it during the night. It was quite an experience to see him at closing time of an evening. He would put the county money in his pockets and, with a six-shooter in each hand, would start down the street toward his home in the west part of Watonga. He would have to keep guard over the money all night and when morning came he would start back to work with the money in his pockets, going down the street in the same manner with the guns drawn, until he reached the office.